### STATE OF ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE SECURITIES DEPARTMENT

	<del></del> )
IN THE MATTER OF: VICTORIA BERNAL, LTD., VICTORIA BERNAL, and JOSEPH DOMINO.	) FILE NO. C0300002
	)

#### TEMPORARY ORDER OF PROHIBITION

TO RESPONDENTS:

Victoria Bernal, Ltd. 4236 Highland Avenue Downers Grove, IL 60515

Victoria Bernal 4236 Highland Avenue

Downers Grove, IL 60515

Joseph Domino

9672 Bennington Drive Huntley, IL 60142

On information and belief, I, Jesse White, Secretary of State for the State of Illinois, through my designated representative, who has been fully advised in the premises by the staff of the Securities Department, Office of the Secretary of State, herein find:

- 1. Respondent Victoria Bernal Ltd., (hereinafter "VB", collectively with Bernal and Domino, "Respondents") is an Illinois corporation and maintained a business address at 4236 Highland Avenue, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515.
- 2. Respondent Victoria Bernal (hereinafter "Bernal", collectively with VB and Domino, "Respondents") was the President of VB, and maintained a residence address at 4236 Highland Avenue, Downers Grove, Illinois.
- 3. Respondent Joseph Domino (hereinafter "Domino", collectively with VB and Bernal, "Respondents") was a partner in VB with Bernal, and maintained a residence address at 9672 Bennington Drive, Huntley, Illinois 60142.
- 4. On or about April 15, 2002, or thereabouts, Bernal as the President of VB, and Bernal and Domino individually, entered into a promissory note (the "Note") with

an Illinois resident (the "Investor") for \$20,000. Concurrently with the entry of the Note, a transaction agreement ("the Agreement") and loan and security agreement were also executed.

- 5. The Agreement provided that Investor was loaning money to Respondents for the purchase of an Automated Teller Machine (ATM). Investor was to receive twenty percent (20%) of any Investor ATM fees and fifty percent (50%) of any leasing transaction fee. The Note was due on March 31, 2022.
- 6. On or about April 25, 2002, Investor wired \$20,000 to VB's bank account at National Bank in Illinois.
- 7. Investor has never received any payment of interest or return of his principal as promised and as in the Agreement. Investor has been unable to contact Respondents regarding his investment.
- 8. The activities described in paragraphs 4 through 6 (4-6) above constitute the offer and sale of a security as those terms are defined in Sections 2.1 and 2.5a of the Illinois Securities Law of 1953 [815 ILCS 5] (the "Act").
- 9. Section 5 of the Act provides, <u>inter alia</u>, that all securities except those exempt under Section 3 or those offered or sold in transactions exempt under Section 4 shall be registered either by coordination or by qualification prior to their offer or sale in the State of Illinois.
- 10. Respondents failed to file with the Secretary of State an application for registration of the investment opportunity described above as required by the Act and that as a result the security was not registered pursuant to Section 5 of the Act prior to its offer in the State of Illinois.
- 11. Section 12.A of the Act provides, <u>inter alia</u>, that it shall be a violation for any person to offer or sell any security except in accordance with the provisions of the Act.
- 12. Section 12.D of the Act provides, <u>inter alia</u>, that it shall be a violation for any person to fail to file with the Secretary of State any application, report or document required to be filed under the provisions of the Act or any rule or regulation made by the Secretary of State pursuant to the Act.
- 13. By virtue of the foregoing, Respondents have violated Sections 12.A and 12.D of the Act, and Respondents will violate Section 12.A of the Act again if they make further offers, or if they make any sales, of the investment opportunity described above in the State of Illinois.
- 14. That the aforementioned findings are based upon credible evidence.
- 15. That Section 11.F(2) of the Act provides, <u>inter alia</u>, that the Secretary of State may temporarily prohibit the offer or sale of securities by any person, without

#### Temporary Order of Prohibition

-3-

notice and prior hearing, if the Secretary of State shall deem it necessary to prevent an imminent violation of the Act or to prevent losses to Investors that will occur as a result of prior violations of the Act.

16. That the entry of this Temporary Order prohibiting Respondents, or their agents, affiliates, and employees, from offering or selling the above-referenced securities in the State of Illinois is in the public interest and for the protection of the investing public and is consistent with the purposes intended by the provisions of the Act.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT: pursuant to the authority granted by Section 11.F of the Act, Respondents, Victoria Bernal, Ltd., its offices and directors, agents, employees, affiliates, successors and assigns, Victoria Bernal and Joseph Domino are prohibited from offering or selling securities in or from this State until further Order of the Secretary of State.

NOTICE is hereby given that Respondents may request a hearing on this matter by transmitting such request in writing to the Director, Illinois Securities Department, 69 West Washington Street, Suite 1220, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Such request must be made within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of entry of the Temporary Order of Prohibition. Upon receipt of a request for hearing, a hearing will be scheduled as soon as reasonably practicable. A request for hearing will not stop the effectiveness of this Temporary Order and will extend the effectiveness of this Temporary Order for sixty days from the date the hearing request is received by the Department.

FAILURE BY ANY RESPONDENT TO REQUEST A HEARING WITHIN THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF THIS TEMPORARY ORDER OF PROHIBITION SHALL CONSTITUTE AN ADMISSION OF ANY FACTS ALLEGED HEREIN AND SHALL CONSTITUTE SUFFICIENT BASIS TO MAKE THIS TEMPORARY ORDER OF PROHIBITION FINAL.

ENTERED: This 23 RD day of September, 2005.

JESSE WHITE
Secretary of State
State of Illinois

# Temporary Order of Prohibition

-4-

## Attorney for the Secretary of State:

Lauren E. McAfee Illinois Securities Department 69 West Washington Avenue Suite 1220 Chicago, Illinois 60602 Telephone: (312) 793-9638